

## **GREENSBURG / DECATUR COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD**

### **MEETING MINUTES FROM THURS. SEPT. 11, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Miers (president, city rep.), Dan Wells (treasurer, city rep.), Tina Keith (secretary, county rep.), and Michele Sweet (county rep.)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Laura Johnston (Shelter Manager) and Mike Wenning (Animal Control Officer)

CALL TO ORDER at 7:05 by Miers.

1. Minutes from August 2008 accepted, seconded, and approved (Wells, Keith)
2. Financial report given by Wells. Motion to accept, seconded and approved. (Sweet, Keith)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

3. Miers discussed the upcoming luncheon to introduce new Animal Control Officer Mike Wenning. It is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 15 at the Greensburg Country Club. An anonymous donor is funding the event. Public safety, the change in staff duties, and the need for a more progressive animal control department are the areas to be presented. Miers has prepared a Power Point presentation and Johnston has prepared Talking Points. Representatives from local law enforcement, city and county councils, the mayor, and other governmental employees have been invited.

4. Miers discussed the approach for the Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> County Council meeting. The board will continue it's pursuit of higher salaries for shelter manager (\$28,000) and ACO (\$26,000). The presentation was discussed and agreed upon. Wells will also ask the county council for board control over the 8% county policy application to salaried shelter staff. The county policy subtracts 8% from all new employees and gives them 2% back each year of employment.

### **SHELTER MANAGER REPORT**

5. Johnston stated that owner surrenders are up (20/53) because of moving and financial hardship.

6. There was a discussion of euthanasia requests by owners. The board agreed with Johnston that this should be discouraged and donations required to defray incurred costs. The board will rely on Johnston's discretion in individual circumstances on this matter.

7. Johnston spoke on Officer Wenning's first week. She said he is doing well in the position.

8. Johnston said that KB Foods and SDHS students will help clean the shelter and build the shed for the Annual Day of Caring on Sept 14<sup>th</sup>.

9. Johnston informed the board that almost 825lbs of Iams Cat Food (over \$1200) was picked up by Sweet in Cincinnati over the weekend. It was donated through a feral cat organization.

10. Wenning mentioned that his cell phone is 5 years old and needs replaced. Wells will look into getting a new phone.

11. Wenning reported that he has ordered a badge and showed the board his officer identification card. He said that Mayor Herbert recommended that he carry an official card.

#### OLD BUSINESS

11. The shelter perimeter fence was tabled until spring because of the time involved on the more pressing issues of salaries and new ordinances.

12. The city council will discuss the new proposed animal ordinances in their first October meeting. Johnston, Wenning, and Sweet will attend.

#### MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion made by Wells. Sweet seconded it.

Next meeting will be at 6pm on 10/09/2008 at City Hall.